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Report from the ISC Judge Training Course Coordinator

The pandemic continued to have a major impact on our sport and competitions in 2021.

Due to the fact that there were no competitions in 2020 and no FAI Judges Training Courses a lot of judge's ratings would have expired at the end of 2021. With the Interim Bureau Decision (IBD 2021/08) for judges who served at an FCE, or had done a re-evaluation or participated successfully in an FAI Judges Training course in **the year 2019**, their Category 1 judges rating will stay valid until December 2022.

This decision helped many judges keep their license at least until the end of 2022. Despite this decision, there were still judges who needed a re-evaluation so that their category 1 license did not expire at the end of 2021.

51 Judges in all disciplines responded to the call on the FAI / ISC homepage in June asking for the possibility to do a re-evaluation.

With the great willingness and commitment of CJT from all over the world, we managed to re-evaluate most of the judges thus keeping their ratings. However, some disciplines needed a competition and with no competitions available in their discipline in 2021 we were unfortunately unable to qualify all judges.

The first FAI AE full time online course was held in February under the direction of Ron Miasnikov. AE has got now 8 new FAI judges. Thank you, Ron!

This course however showed us how much more work and time was needed to go into the organisation of an online course compared to an on-site course in a classroom. An online course certainly has its great advantages such as no costs for travel, accommodation and meals, but the preparation time required is much greater. There are also the problems with time differences and with technology and the Internet.

Another FAI course in July in CP in Klatovy was held by Björn Korth. 2 new FAI judges and 6 re-evaluations were the result. Thank you, Björn!

In November there is another FAI AE course under the direction of Silvia Wagner, with further re-evaluations planned in November and December.

Congratulations to all the new FAI judges and to all those judges who passed their re-evaluation.

We started the year 2021 with a Questionnaire Chief Judge of Training (CJT). Our last workshop for CJT is already 3 years ago and it was time to ask about interests and ask about open, unprocessed points. The questions and results are attached to this report.

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In order to simplify the process for countries to register a national judge for an FAI Judges Training course, we have designed a standard registration form, which can be found on the FAI / ISC homepage under documents. This document is also attached to this report.

This year my biggest "Thank you" goes to all who have supported me relentlessly. Our task and responsibility for the judges was great, but together we managed to ensure that many judges were able to keep their category 1 ratings. Thank you to all CJT for your commitment and time and particularly your passion for teaching and supporting new judges on their way to become FAI judges.

At the end of this report, I would like to inform you that I will stand down from my position as Judges Training Course Coordinator and in fact from all the tasks I do in the ISC.

I really have enjoyed to work for the ISC, for our sport, the competitors and most of all for the judges, but now I feel it is time to stand down.

I really have to say a big thank you to so many people and I hope you understand that I can't name everyone by name. This thank you comes from the bottom of my heart and I am so grateful that I have been part of this community for years.

All the best



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